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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/691,654

Applicants: Tomoko MAEDA, et al.

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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATION OF OSTEOCLAST
PRECURSOR CELLS AND INDUCING THEIR
DIFFERENTIATION INTO OSTEOCLASTS

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Vera Afremova

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Respectfully submitted,

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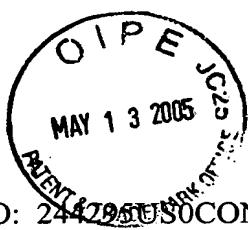
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 03, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 21-25, drawn to a method for producing an osteoclast precursor cell, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 21-25, drawn to a method for producing an osteoclast precursor cell;
- Group II: Claim 26, drawn to an osteoclast precursor cell;
- Group III: Claims 27-36, drawn to a method for producing an osteoclast;
- Group IV: Claim 37, drawn to an osteoclast;
- Group V: Claims 38 and 39, drawn to a method for screening an agent for treating metabolic bone disease by using an osteoclast precursor cell;